



ST PETER'S COLLEGE  
PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND

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## NEWSLETTER



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Since the last newsletter, we have held a successful Year 13 Leadership camp at the Christian Camp in Turangi. I was very privileged to be able to attend the camp and work alongside these young leaders, and what an excellent group we have this year. We took part in many leadership activities, including the infamous 6-hour relay challenge with a bit of dancing, a high ropes course, exciting White Water Rafting, as well as preparing students for the year by looking at leadership training that helped them start to realise "who we are". The week culminated with a Retreat day. A very tired bunch of staff and Year 13 returned to the College on the Friday ready for the challenges of the year. Thank you to Mr Bowen, Mr Scott, Miss Butler, Ms Johnson and Mr Delany for all the hard planning and work that made the camp another great success.

We have also completed our first Year 10 Leadership Camp which was held at El Rancho in Waikanae. This saw the whole of the Year 10 classes undergo leadership training and future planning. Their camp ended with an overnight camp-out and tramp that will prepare them all for their Duke of Edinburgh Scheme experience this year. Thanks must go to Mr Bowen, Mrs Mollard and the teachers and parents who accompanied the trip. It was great to see so many of the Year 10 still participate in the Swimming Sports on the Friday. I am sure they spent a lot of time sleeping on the weekend!

Our Swimming Sports Day was another success, and thank you to all the parents who were able to get along during the course of the afternoon and evening to support their children. The weather was kind to us and the staff and students had a fantastic time with a huge amount of fun had by all the students in the pool. Thank you to all the staff for their planning and organisation on the day and to all the PTFA members who were there to serve the food and drinks to the staff and students. It was disappointing however, to see that some of our students chose not to attend the swimming sports day and take the day off. It needs to be said that this is an official school day and students are expected to attend and support their houses.

Very shortly the Board will be calling for nominations for

the vacancy that has occurred on the Board of Trustees, and I would urge those parents who are interested and feel they have something to offer our community to put their names forward. There is no better way to help the community than to serve as a Board member and influence the manner in which we drive the College into the future.

Finally, our hearts go out to the people of Christchurch as they face the aftermath of recent events. Our community will respond through the Caritas network and I am confident that St Peter's College community will be generous as usual. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have found themselves in the midst of this difficult time.

David Olivier  
Principal



*Fun and adventure at the Year 10 Camp*

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## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ...

### Year 13 Leadership Camp 2011

From 8th February till 11th February, the Year 13s were away on leadership camp and were dearly missed by the rest of the school while they were! On the way up we stopped at Turangi, where we had a photo scavenger hunt. That night we had the extremely intense but fun 6 hour running challenge. This involved each house group having a member running from 6.30 pm till 12.30 am. Entertainment along the way included a undie run, sing-a-longs and a dance off including the teachers ( Mr Olivier lol). Everyone was up bright and early the next morning for a day packed full of white water rafting where boats flipped, people fell out and icy water cooled our sore muscles. The high ropes course was also done this day and it proved a challenge for some! Our last full day was retreat day - thoughts were shared, and we were given time to think about the people we are and who we would like to be. Overall, camp was great - with amazing food, memories, friendships, and learning all about leadership!

By *Emily Bills and Elise Judd*

### Swimming Sports

Slip, slop, SPLASH! Another fantastic summer day greeted the 2011 School Swimming Sports. An institution at St Peter's, this event brings out some of the most colourful costumes seen throughout any of our annual House events. The level and quality of House Spirit expressed by each House helped make this year's event among the best in recent memory. A well deserved congratulations goes to the winning House, **Redwood** as well as to all the Students, Staff and Parents who contributed to a fantastic day.

### Results (previous records in brackets)

#### 50m backstroke

U16 Boys: Cameron Blair 2011 32.07 (J Morris 2003 32.72)

U14 Boys: Hamish McGirr 2011 30.81 (Hamish McGirr 2010 31.69)

#### 50m Breaststroke

U19 Girls: U McGirr 2011 38.06 (N Pratt 1992 38.75)

U14 Girls: Janelle Birchler 2011 39.66 (H Walker 2005 40.93sec)

U14 Boys: H McGirr 2011 38.63 (J Edwards 1988 40.10)

#### 100m Butterfly Open

Cameron Blair 2011 1.02.47 (J Morris 2005 1.05.01)

#### 100 Freestyle

U16 Boys: Cameron Blair 2011 1.00.31 (J Edwards 1990 1.02.78)

U14 Girls: Janelle Birchler 2011 1.08.08 (M Crowther 1990 1.08.37)

U14 Boys: Hamish McGirr 2011 1.01.80 (C Blair 2009 1.03.65)

#### 50m Butterfly Open

H McGirr 2011 28.00 (J Morris 2005 29.30)

### 50m Freestyle

U14 Boys: H McGirr 2011 26.63 (Cameron Blair 2009 29.31)

### 200m Individual Medley Open

Cameron Blair 2011 2.20.32 (Old record 1991 2.27.41)



*And they're off with a splash!*

## CONGRATULATIONS ...

### Mountainbiking

Congratulations to **Jack Humphries**, Year 10, for winning the 'North Island Downhill Cup' for 'Under 15s Downhill Mountainbiking' in January. Jack was placed 1st in both Napier and Tauranga rounds.

### Softball

Congratulations to **Emma Hyde** in Year 8 for being named in the U13 Girls Manawatu Representative Softball team and

Congratulations also to **Katy Hyde** and **Conrad Kovaleski** who were named in the Manawatu U17 Rep Softball teams.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS ...



All the Year 10 Bronze Award students are now enrolled and Silver and Gold enrolments are being accepted now from students in Years 11 to 13.

There will be an **important meeting** for Parents/Caregivers and Students **next Thursday 3rd March in the Hall at 7.00 pm**. Students will receive their Record Books, plan their individual programmes, and receive information about the Award Scheme. The meeting will run for about an hour, and **all participants in the Award Scheme are expected to be there**. If any student still needs forms, they can talk to Mrs Lynch in B7. Students may enrol in the Award Scheme even if they have not done Bronze or Silver (Silver or Gold direct entry).

*Mrs Lynch*

## FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT ...

### Training days

Our **Touch** (Intermediate, Boys and Girls) teams will train on **Tuesday** afternoons on the SPC fields from 3:15 to 4:00 pm.

Our **Softball** teams will train on **Thursdays** after school from 3:15 to approximately 4:00 pm.

Our Boys **Cricket** teams will have training on **Wednesdays** after school from 2:45 pm at the Ongley Park nets on Park Road.

**Volleyball** teams will be training on **Monday** and **Wednesday** lunchtimes in the SPC Gym.

All the best to the athletes representing St Peter's College in their chosen sport this season.

Some teams are still a little low on numbers and registration forms can still be collected from the Sports Office or the school website under "Summer Sports Registrations".

If students would like to be reminded about team practices, games or meetings, they can give their cell phone numbers to Miss Black in the Sports Office and a text message can be sent out as a reminder to them.

Summer Sports now are in full swing and it is great to see so many St Peter's College students out there in the fresh air representing their school!

A reminder that ALL players within a code MUST return their registration forms and fees by **Friday 4th March** otherwise they will have to be withdrawn from the team. If there are any issues with the return of forms, or payment of fees, please call 354 4198 ext 741 or email sports@stpeterspn.school.nz and inform Miss Black, the Sports Coordinator, so arrangements can be made and all the students who want to play sports can continue to do so.

Thank you to all the parents who have been in touch, either via email or note, to offer your services to SPC Sport - I can never have too many volunteers so please don't be shy!

One final thing, the annual "Weet-bix Triathlon" is coming up on Wednesday 23rd March - you can either register with Miss Black or on the web site weetbix.co.nz.

### iMOVE 2011

Ditch the vehicles and get the legs pumping!!!!

Sport Manawatu are giving ALL students, teachers and even parents a chance to win some great prizes - all for just walking or cycling to school!

All you do is register your name with Ms Black in the Sports Office before Friday 4th March, come back to collect your stamp card on Friday 11th March (reminders will be in Daily Notices) and bring your card from Monday 14th March, ready to start walking, cycling and stamping!! Every time you walk or cycle to school, ask the teacher on duty at the front gate to stamp your card! Once your card is full, return it to the Sports Office where it will be entered into the draw for you to win an awesome prize!!!! The more times you walk or cycle, the more stamps you get, the more chances of winning you have!

## FROM THE SPORTS DEPT CONT ...

Prizes include scooters, bike helmets, rebel sport vouchers and iMove merchandise, (parents there's coffee vouchers in it for you!!!) AND...there are spot prizes too!!

Have to get dropped off at school? Ask your driver REALLY nicely to drop you a block or so away from the school gate and walk from there! Even walking this distance will still count in getting your card stamped!

Bus Student? I am working with the bus drivers to see if they will drop you a block further away also so you don't miss out on this great opportunity too! (Listen to Daily Notices for info on this).

iMove at SPC will run for 3 weeks from Monday 14th March - Friday 1st April 2011. The winners of the great prizes will be drawn at the Summer Sports Assembly on Thursday 7th April.

*Tracy Black (Sports Coordinator)*

## FOR YOUR INFO ...

### Lockers

There are a few Locker keys in the Finance Office which have not been collected. Students who have paid for the use of a Locker, and have not collected the key, please go to the Finance Office to collect it.

### Marist Junior Football Club - Registration Fun Day

When: Sunday 6th March from 12 noon to 4.00 pm

Where: Marist Clubrooms

Contact: email tracey.nielsen@gmail.com or phone 021 205 3075 if you have any questions.

## PROMOTING SPECIAL CHARACTER ...

### Lunchtime Mass on Fridays

Mass is held on Fridays in the Chapel here at St Peter's. Classes take turns for planning the Mass. Family and friends are always welcome at Mass on **Fridays at 1.30 pm** in the Chapel.

- Friday 4th March - Mass hosted by CMI
- Friday 11th March - Mass hosted by 9Mt



*One of the many challenges for students at Year 13 Camp*

## FROM THE PTFA ...

### Food Fair and Gala 9th April 2011

See the flyer which has been distributed with this newsletter for full details on our Food Fair and Gala being held on Saturday 9th April 2011 from 11.00 am.

### PTFA Meeting Dates

Parents are warmly invited to attend PTFA Meetings which are held on the **second Tuesday** of every month (apart from school holidays) at **7.30 pm** in the **Staffroom**. New members are always welcome! The next meeting of the PTFA will be on **Tuesday 8th March** - all welcome!

### Second-Hand Uniforms

The PTFA **urgently require donations of unwanted uniforms** as stock was depleted at the sale in January. Subject to availability of stock, we will be holding another Second-Hand Uniform Sale in the second week of the school holidays. The date will be advised in a subsequent newsletter.

## FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ...

### Board of Trustees By-Election

Nominations are called for as a result of a vacancy that has occurred on the Board of Trustees. Please consider putting your name forward for this very rewarding role. Nomination forms are available from the school office and must be submitted by **12.00 pm on Thursday 10th March 2011**.

Candidate information will be included in the St Peter's College newsletter on Friday 11th March 2011. Voting papers will be posted out by **Tuesday 15th March 2011** and all votes must be submitted to school by **12.00 pm on Thursday 24th March 2011**. Results will be published in the Manawatu Standard on Thursday 31st March and in the St Peter's College Newsletter on Friday 8th April.

If you have any queries about what is involved in being a trustee, I am only too happy to be contacted to discuss it. My phone number is (06) 353 5462 or (027) 387 3137.

*Alison Rudzki - Chairperson, Board of Trustees*



*Mr McIntyre kayaking with students at Year 10 Camp*

*School Vision: St Peter's College celebrates being a Catholic Faith Community, where students, teachers and families work in partnership to develop empowered, self-managing, life-long learners, who live the Gospel values in a changing world.*

## FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR ...

Skylight has set up an extensive earthquake trauma and recovery support webpage for families and friends, and those caring for them, including support professionals and employers/managers. See [www.skylight.org.nz](http://www.skylight.org.nz) - links to the support page are on the front homepage and can assist with Christchurch's grief, trauma and loss support and recovery right now, and in weeks and months to come. It features key information, links, downloads, helpful articles and support resources relating directly to loss, disaster, trauma, bereavement and grief - for all ages. Skylight is a leading New Zealand specialist agency assisting in loss, trauma and grief support. We can be contacted on 0800 299 100 or +64 4 939 6767 or by email [rs@skylight-trust.org.nz](mailto:rs@skylight-trust.org.nz)

## CALENDAR CHANGES ...

There are no changes to dates and times advertised in Newsletter 1.

## CALENDAR ...

Mon	28	Feb	-	4.30 pm: Sports Committee Hui - Gym classroom - all welcome
	28	Feb - 2	Mar	- Year 9 Camps
Wed	2	Mar	-	Supersport Softball
Tue	8	Mar	-	7.30 pm: <b>PTFA Meeting</b> - Staffroom
Wed	9	Mar	-	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
				- Supersport Cricket
				- Supersport Tennis
	10 - 11	Mar	-	Science & Technology Roadshow
Sat	12	Mar	-	<b>Relay For Life</b>
	14 - 16	Mar	-	Year 7/8 Camp 1 - CHr
	16 - 18	Mar	-	Year 7/8 Camp 1 - CKa
Wed	16	Mar	-	Supersport Triathlon
Thur	17	Mar	-	<b>St Patrick's Day - Green Mufti Day</b>
Sat	19	Mar	-	Manawatu Inter-Secondary Schools Athletics
Sun	20	Mar	-	9.00 am: Senior Netball Trials
Mon	21	Mar	-	Winter Trials begin
				- Yr 11 PE Pentathlon
	21 - 23	Mar	-	Year 7/8 Camp 2 - CMI
	23 - 25	Mar	-	Year 7/8 Camp 2 - CWWh
Wed	23	Mar	-	Weetbix Triathlon
Thur	24	Mar	-	Viard Shield
Sat	26	Mar	-	Manawatu Inter-Secondary Schools Swimming
	26 - 27	Mar	-	<b>Survive-a-Slum</b>
				- North Island Debating Competition
Sun	27	Mar	-	Touch Zones
	27 - 30	Mar	-	Level 1 P E Studies Trip
Mon	28	Mar	-	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>
Wed	30	Mar	-	Level 1 Art Trip
Thur	31	Mar	-	Road Race
Fri	1	Apr	-	Reconciliation